



Sidney Job Service Employers' Committee

Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2008

Employers Attending

Cheryl Van Every Stockman Bank
Zadena Kingland WORC Program
Lisa Brittingham Office of Public Assistance

Job Service Staff Attending

Steve Olson
Kamie Miller
Jacklyn Damm

Round Table Update of Organizations:

Zadena: Our program is doing well. We have referred a few clients to the WIRED Program. Numbers have continued to stay low and we have two for this month. There are a lot of changes coming up. We should be in the new office building by June. We are also doing referrals to Matthew House.

Kamie: SAGE CDL training started on March 17th. 13 (including 3 women) have graduated with permits and are on to the driving portion of the class. They will be graduating from the 80 hour class on April 17th. They will receive 6-9 college credits for completing 80 hours of classes. So far the entire class has an overall grade average of 90%. Training is being done all over the state. Contact Kamie if you want further information regarding upcoming class schedules.

Lisa: Medicaid and Food Stamps will have a waiver starting in May. As of now we are a 6 month reporting state. The change will be if different income is reported, it will be acted on right away even if it drops their benefits. This will go into effect May 1st.

Steve: All Job Services in the state of Montana will now be administrators of the Dislocated Worker Program, formerly administered by Project Challenge/Work Again. During the past administration from Project Challenge/Work Again, 85% of their budget had been spent on staffing while only 35% had gone toward participants. The Job Service offices are working to get caught back up. If you hear of any one who may have

been affected by a business closing, refer them to Job Service. Relocating or retraining are a couple of things the funding can go towards.

Minutes from last meeting:

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Treasurer's Report

Since the treasure was no present, we reviewed last month's report which was:

Savings as of 11/30/07 - \$ 609.34

Checking as of 12/27/07 \$5019.50

Steve made a suggestion that money from the savings be moved into the checking account.

Old Business

Chair Person: We still do not have a chairperson. No one has been nominated or has volunteered at this time. It was agreed the chairperson should be someone from the business community.

Continuation of JSEC: Should JSEC consider approaching the Sidney Chamber of Commerce to possibly become a sub committee of the Chamber? A discussion was held regarding ways to gain new membership, especially from the business community. Suggestions were:

- To survey the business community to see what they want from participating in this committee.
- Ask past participants when/why they were in JSEC and why they left
(Zadena, Cheryl and Lisa all said they came to their first meeting because Vernetta personally invited them)
- Have an article written for the local newspaper introducing/explaining JSEC
- Include JSEC meeting dates and time in the *Bulletin Board* of the Sidney Herald.
- Glendive JSEC has a job fair – Employers like to be hands on.
- Use “**Job Service Employer Committee**” in all correspondence instead of JSEC

Second Signature on the Account: Zadena Kingland volunteered to be the second signature on the account. **THANK YOU ZADENA!**

New Business

JSEC State Meeting –Vernette and Jacklyn will be attending the JSEC State Meetings. This will be April 14 – April 17 in Great Falls. Tickets for the Artist raffle are still available. Call Jacklyn or Vernette to get your book of 6 tickets for \$5.

We have been asked to bring a silent auction item. Vernette's suggestion is to purchase hand painted wine glasses from Ashton Ray and a bottle of wine from the Culbertson winery and put them in a gift basket. A motion was made by Cheryl and approved to go ahead with this purchase.

Sidney Job Service Update:

Grant: The purpose of the grant is to utilize promising practices and current reproducible curriculum to train individuals in the energy and construction industry and skilled trades related the energy industry. The curriculum chosen will provide for short-term entry level training that can built on through continuing education, workshops, CDL training, internships, on-the-job training and apprenticeships. The grant would also enhance technology-based learning through DCC.

One Stop Certification Award: Steve reported that Sidney and Glendive have each received the One Stop Certification Award. This certification recognized all the partners in the Eastern Plains for their effectiveness in working together to build and maintain the workforce system. One Stop Certification formalizes partnerships that have existed for years. Communication is increased through the partnerships which in turn benefits both job seekers and businesses. It also eliminates duplication of effort and there for keeps cost down. In addition, One Stop status gives us the opportunity to apply for and receive federal grants that can be used to further training and economic development.

Next Meeting: An email was sent out to vote for our next meeting time since Vernette and Jacklyn will be at the State JSEC Conference in April. The consensus from the email reply was that we skip the April meeting and resume in May. So the next meeting will be:

May 15, 2008 ~ Noon~ Sidney Country Club

March Action Items: ~ Paper work to Zadena for checking account 2nd signature.
~ Post meeting time in Sidney Herald
~ Draft JSEC article for publication in local papers
~ Purchase gift basket items for state silent auction
~ Wrap up raffle ticket sales.